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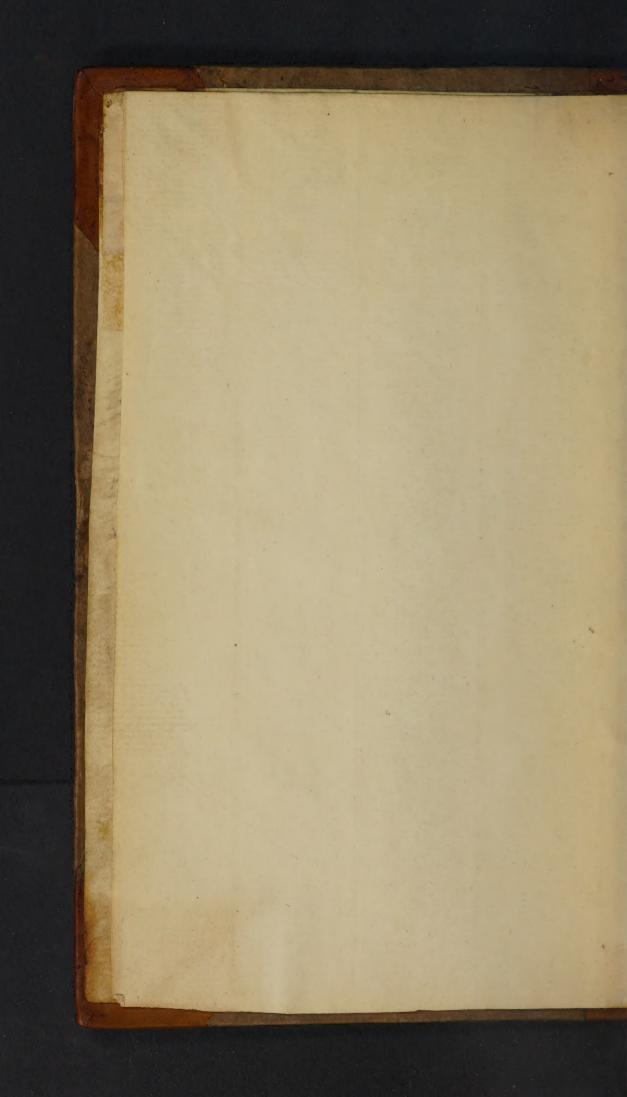


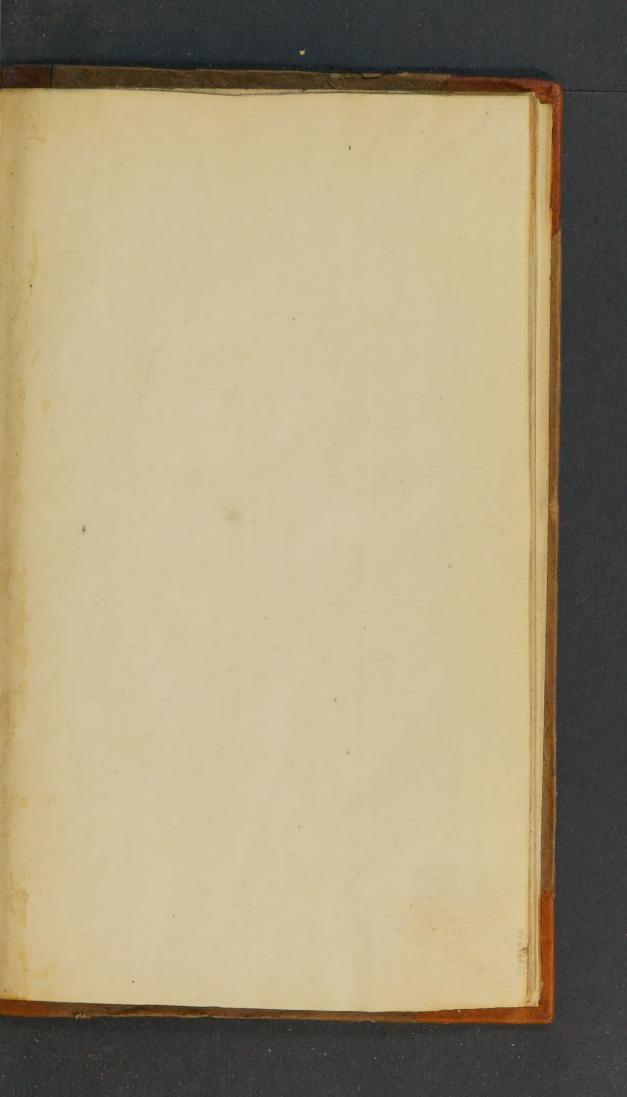


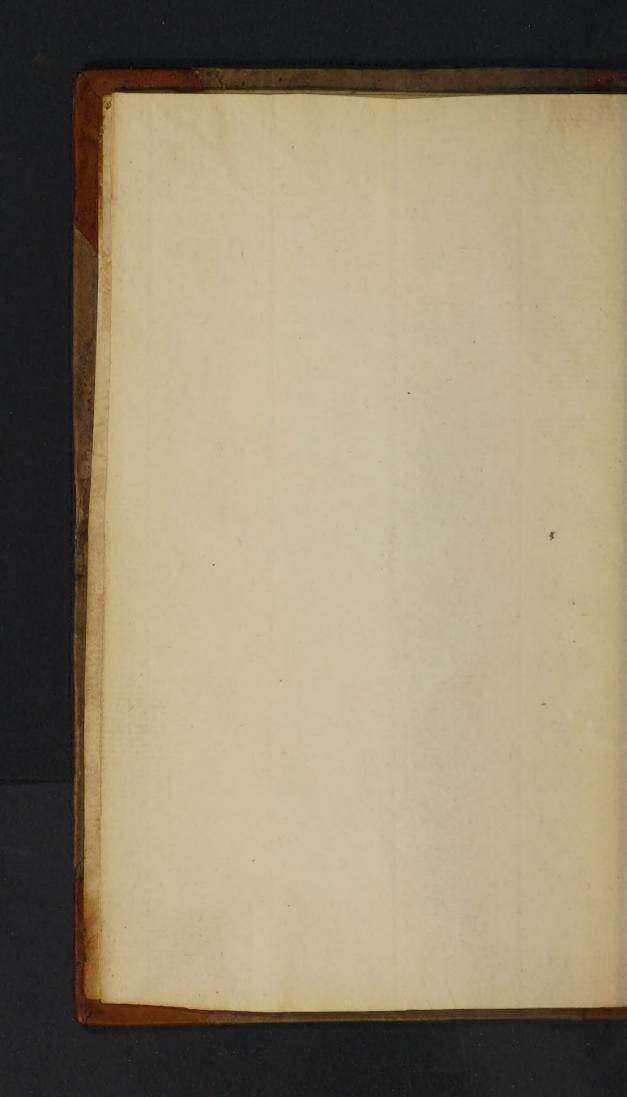


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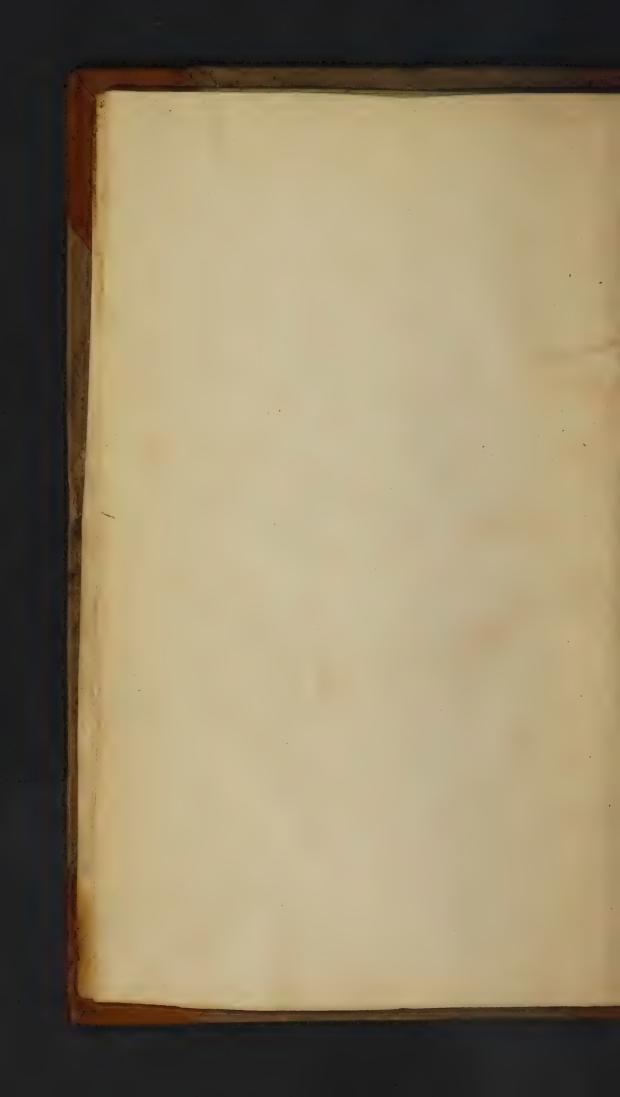
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Monumentum Regale
OR

A TOMBE,

Erected for that incomparable and Glorious Monarch,

HARLES THE FIRST,

King of Great Britane, France and Ireland, &c.



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In select Elegies, Epitaphs, and Poems.

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EPITAPH.

B Ehold the Mirror of a Prince Pourtraid!
The living Emblem of glorious shade.
Whose Chair of State was late a Scaffold made.

One, then whom never any did professe
More Zeal to the Publique, and received lesse;
Of more desert, and brought to more distresse.

That reall lustre to our Royall Garter;
That late inlarger of our Cities Charter; (Martyr!
Whose Crown the Crime that made this Monarch-

Adien Dear Prince; Death, like a loving friend Hath Crown'd thy sufferings with a peacefull end, While headlesse we our ruine must attend.

Nor can we lesse expect, Judgement's at hand To scourge the follies of a sinfull Land: "What Brightman wrote we would not understand.

"From th' farall period of a Charlemain,

"Wain should a Kingdom in her Charles-wain:

"But Prayers nor tears might call him back again.

"Lords should resign their Patents to the Sword,

"Lurdane should equall any English Lord.

O brave Platonick Levell! Martiall Boord!

CHRONOSTICHON

Decollationis Caroli Regis, &c. tricessimo die Januarii, secunda hora Pomeridiana, Anno Dom.

MDCXLVIII.

Ter Deno Ianl Labens Rex SoLe CaDente CaroLVs eXVtVs SoLlo SCeptroqVe SeCVre.

CHARLES! ---- ah forbear, forbear! lest
Mortals prize
His name too dearly; and Idolatrize.
His Name! Our Lotte! Thrice cursed and forlorn
Be that Black Night, which usher'd in this Morn.

CHARLES our Dread-Soveraign! --- hold!
lest Out-law'd Sense
Bribe, and seduce tame Reason to dispense
With those Celestial Powers; and distrust
Heav'n can Behold such Treason, and prove Just.

CHARLES our Dread-Sveraign 's murther'd!
--- Tremble! and
View what Convulsions Shoulder-shake this Land,
Court, Citty, Country, nay three Kingdoms run
-To their last stage, and Set with Him their Sun.

CHARLES

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CHARLES our Dread-Soveraign's murther'd at His Gare!

Fell Feinds! dire Hydra's of a Stiff-neck't-State!
Strange Body-Politick! whose Membersspread,
And, Monster-like, swell bigger then their HEAD.

CHARLES of Great Britain! Hee! who was the known

King of three Realms, lie's murther'd in his Own. Hee! Hee! who liv'd, and Faith's Defender stood, Die'd here to re-Baptize it in His Blood.

No more, no more. Fame's Trumpe shall Eccho all The Rest in dreadfull Thunder. Such a Fall Great Christendomene're Pattern'd; and 'twas strange

Earth's Center reel'd not as this dismal Change.

The Blow struck Britain blind, each well-set Limbe By Dislocation was lop't off in HIM. (condole

And though Shee yet live's, Shee live's but to Three Bleeding Bodiesleft without a Soul.

RELIGION put's on Black. Sad LOYALTY Bulshe's and Mourn's to see bright-Majesty

Butcher'd by such Assassinates; nay both

'Gainst God, 'gainst Law, Allegiance, and their OATH.

Farewell sad Isle! Farewell! Thy fatal Glory Is Summ'd, Cast up, and Cancell'dinthis Story.

ELEGIE

The Meekest of Men,
On The most glorious of Princes,
The most Constant of Martyrs,
CHARLES the I. &c.

Most cruell Men,

An you a winged fouls swift slight restrain, and sure her to her widowed home again? Or bound the wanderings of the floating blood? And to his purple channels charm his flood? Can you a gasping hearts faln heat repair, And into breath coyne the unfashion'd ayer? Can you unweave the Nerves, then twist their thred And to th'unravell'd corps re-fit the head? Who can doe lesse then this, should feare to kill:

Best pulling down is by a Builder still. But coole debates you can embrace no more

Then Cesars Lion, who his Teacher tore.

From meaner gore, and Subjects courler flood, Your curious Treason thirsts your Princes blood: And slesht in under-slaughter, boldly brings Rais'd appetite to diet on your Kings.

No

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No Epicure like thriving Murder's found: Her Stream tasts foul, unles her Spring be crown'd. But though who Thrones and Majesty betray, As largest guilt, so reap the largest prey, And sage projecting Hell her snares might fear, But that she bids, high pay, and damnes some dear: Yet few have levell'd at a Princes fall. But such whose claim did for succession call: Whose bordering title tyr'd to be kept down, Cast trains lesse for his ruine, then his Crown. But here the desperate Rebell strikes at sway, Not for who shall succeed, but that none may: Deeming the crime lesse daring, of lesse hight To ravish Scepters, then to break them quite: As if an ampler beam of pow'r were hurl'd To hatch a Chaos, then create a world.

No shie concealment leads this murder in; That were too much the Modesty of sin,

No closet ambush, unsuspected pill,
No mingled cup, no secret drug must kill,
Successe hath rais'd them up to opner crimes,
Rolse was an Instrument for doubtfull times.
A mock Tribunal's built, a pageant Court, (sport,
Which but for matchlesse crimes, might passe for
So frail and lawlesse; Faith hath no defence
To credit, 'tis at all but insolence.
No fond Romance, no sam'd Arcadia treats,
Of such Eutopian, frantick Judgement Seats:
At whose dire black decrees, we wondering stand,
As some pale Ghoasts dim taper, and cold hand
Did wastus through the shades, untill he brings
A a Where

Where Fairie Traytors murder acry Kings:
While slumbring we invoke the mornings light;
To chase the Legend-vision from our sight.

High in this dream, in this phantastick Bench,
Bold apparition Bradshaw doth intrench.
One whom the genuine Bar did seldome see, (Fee, Whose obscure tongue scarce boasts a seven years Whose Lungs are all his Law, whose pleading noise And silence, dearer then discreeter voice.
Whose conscience wears a face for every dresse; Religion justifies the Savages.

Faction'd, and byas'd, for who gives most fair, Camelion through, onely not his'd with Aire. Whose insolence no presence can relaxe, (Ax Whose carriage wounds his King worse then the

This needy Oratour, now richer drest,
And higher plac'd, is Image still at best:
VVho though from hell, he his glib dictates hold,
As Satan talk't i'th' Idols tongues of old;
Yet the close drift of this bright pomp and shrine,
Is nor the Devill, nor He, but worse design.

The Ephesian work-men great Diana made,
Not for Diana's sake, but their own trade.
Our Soveraigns sighs, the Peoples louder groan
Is not black Incense burnt to Bell alone,
But strow their Altars round, and we shall meet
An undistinguisht rapines numerous feet.

The Bloudy Rebells conscious of their slain, Like the first murderer, the guilty Cain. Though just Remorse lookes nobler then offence, Preser continuance to penitence.

Weigh

VVeigh crimes 'gainst mercies, down the Balance bear,

Much with their fins, but most with their despair. Their own pale sears arm to this desperate thrust, their King can pardon, but they cannot trust.

The haughty Tygers dare the Lyons spight,
And force bold inrodes through their Soveraigns
But if retireing from incroaching pride, (right;
They make their proper confines bound their tide:
A faithfull truce is struck, peace shuts in warres,
And fresh assurance springs ev'n from their jarres;
One equall desert shrowds their passime still,
And each intrust their slumbers to one hill.

But jealous guilt, nor fence, nor fafety hath:

A Rebell is a Tiger without faith.

And would be wary when she can't be sure;
Yet oft she most encounters what she slies,
And all her ruine in her Resuge lies.
For had their Foes conspir'd, and fram'd a pit.
Whose train, whose deepest artistice should hit:
They none so speeding, none so sleet could bring,
As what themselves have shap'd, their slaughter'd

By this, they naked lie to weakest eyes, (King. And quit their ablest guard, their long disguise; Whose strength like mens in ambush, still hath been Not fro their strength, but cause their strength's un-Who shall they combat now in's own defence, seen. And whom bring home onely by driving hence? Whom shall they disobey to serve his will? Whom shall their Canon court, and humbly kill? Whose omnipresence space shall reconcile; Be

Be here, and yet be hence a hundred mile?
Whose doubtfull seal shall, while it is betwain,
And burnt from phenix cinders bud again?

They, whose thick vows, exalted hearts and eyes, High as the skies, and stable as the skies; Who know their lives are frail, short recompence, And cheap oblation weigh'd with conscience: Will now no longer gorge their venomous pils, Nor by elusions steer enlightned wils; Nor prize the shame of finding former sin At the sad rate of wading farther in. But haste returns as vigorous as mistake, And hate the gastly dream the more they wake: No longer brook a Tyler or a Cade, (made: Those Dung-hill Tyrants whom themselves have Which like dire comets mounted in the aire, (there. Rain plagues on earth, whose vapours plac't them

They find this hot impatience 'gainst the throne,
Is by its embers but to light their own.

Like him, who rais'd his Gods adored head, To make his own blaspheme it in the stead. (throws

Hence their Agreement, chains and shackles
As not what we Agree, but they impose;
Gilding the peircing'st slames with specious smoak,
Glossing in our consent, which is their yoak.

Were their dark arts soft as their glistering shews, Did their throng'd chapplets scatter nought but Did they a Freedome give, was ours before, (Rose: Which the Kings slaughter were but to restore, Yet the Acceptance ought to prove ours still, And none obtrude a blisse against our will:

Tis

'Tis not a Liberty we needs must have, And he is onely free, who may be slave.

Nay, were't our keen request, and eager cry, It might so fall, 'twere nobler to deny; Their bounty, us might to our ruine arm, And better not bestow, then give to harm: Who weapons one, who seeks himself to kill, Bestows a murder, and a Liberall III.

And such is theirs, and worse, for they afford.
Not onely means to kill, but prompt the Sword.
Mens phrensie bated now, and could endure
To hear of physick, though 'twere far from cure;
When cruell they break in, and crying, save,
Intombe the Nation in their Soveraigns grave.

The Heathen Brutus did at murder stay,
Who, though he durst eject, he durst not slay:
His bare deposing too, no shelter brings,
But that it fastned on the worst of Kings:
The Publick curse had blasted all his praise,
Had his attempt been up ere Tarquins dayes.

Where shall they build their plea, who at once do Destroy the best of Men, and Princes too? (improve Whose rooted Thrones fair growth did lesse From clear unenvied claim, then Subjects love, Whose boundlesse worth, and rate had given Him Though His descent and title were away. (sway)

And now, fince virtue vice doth best descrie, As straight shews straightnesse and obliquity; His prudent sway, her beauty best affords, Drawn out, and shadowed by usurping Lords. Whose early first decree so loath'd hath stood,

By framers guilt, and injur'd Straffords Blood. Who suppled Laws, and gag'd them to their wills, Not to support their Rights, but strengthen Ills. No resolves steady, no vote tumult strong, But ratified, or cancell'd by th' next throng: Such floating levities their coin difgrac't, Till cheap irreverence the mint defac't. Whence poorly conscious of their ticklish sway, They sweat to husband and improve their day; Working to steer their low designs about, Ere the next Faction shake their title out: They leafe their interest, each suffrage rent, As the two Houses were their Tenement: Who chaffers best, buyes mercenary throats. Reaps plenteous harvest in the next dayes votes: They shear the People, bear their fleece away, , Not as their Orphan-wards, but happier prey; Place and preferments passe their market-curse, Not to the worthiest men, but strongest purse Succeed by families, relations scale, Make Patriots not our choice, but their Intail Defert, or hold their stations with the Tide: Ruine, or rained, as Factions side. Nere acting right, now suffering this alone, Their Usurpation fell with CHARLES His Throne. Who Antidote to all the ills of these,

And all their poisons strict Antipodes,
Who when his crowns soar'd highest, did ev'n then
Remember still he was a King of men,
Made their advantage to compasse to his own,
And rankt their freedome equal with his throne.

Ner

Ne'r checkt their Liberty till't license stood, Nor askt their goods, but for their greater good. Who i'th'loud prejudice five Members fin, (Which hung Reforming out, but Ruine in) Arm'd with the Guards of unoffended State, Like one that would not crush it, but debate: Like Titus tamely wish'd confederates leave, Ask (bate his Empire) and they should receive, Which fertile showres of grace so thick exprest, They fell too weighty on their narrowed breast: And as the clamorous channells shallow wombe VVould force the bounteous Sea her streams resume And from his banks doth foul contractions take, And for a Chrystal-flood re-payes a Lake: So their unfound receipt his bounty flew, Return'd in Poyson, what He shed in Dew. Nor did a happier arm His gifts dispence, VVhich private threw but vast munificence:(down, VVhen hands Himself had rais'd would reach Him And nerves His Alms had strengthned, shake His The Vultur's Rapine doth at Bounty stand; (Crown. VVho though she gorge the prey, she spares the The Gyant Elephant obeyes for bread; And can forgo his rage where he is fed.

Nor Aire nor Defert shrowds Ingratitude.
Yet as the equal Sun ore all doth tend,
Though some use light onely to see t'offend:
And both the barren Bramble and the Flow'r
Partake the juice o'th undistinguisht showr:
Because the teeming Clouds descending flood

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Designes the many onely, not the good: So His impartiall bountie Blessings threw, Nor did the Recompence, but Gift persue.

And make the Pallace Standard to the Cell.

Not that its Laws from the thin board proceed,
Vhere to abstaine is Avarice or Need;
Or that the coursenesse of the Cates might please,
Like the great Consult caught a parching pease,
But from the strict chastising Plenties wings,
And the severest use of highest things.
His Table grasp'd the seas, the earth, the aire.
Yet ne'r His surfet was, nor others snare.
His Bowels massacred none, nor did in inrage,
Till Subjects blood the Princes wine asswaye.
No Orphans swam about his riotous cup,
Like his who killed, but first dranke Clytus up,

Unbatter'd Chastity his reines and law,
Firme 'gainst the lustre of all threating thaw,
Which though it want the checks of mean restraint,
Where charge chills sin, and makes the goatish faint;
VVhere Continence is dread lest Vice succeed,
And trembles at the issue, not the deed:
Nay though't seem fortsy'd with plea, and they
VVho sin with Him, might seeme but to obey,
At least the guilt might large allayes indure,
Since sew deny where Scepters doe allure:
Or stand the vigour of a storme or rape,
VVhere He was King, as by descent, so shape:
For He their title had to back his owne,
VVho to the goodly feature give the throne.

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Yet all was fraile to Him, and soone supprest, VVho set His Scepter first ore his owne breast: And that His Crowns be in full square combined, He made His fourth Dominion be His mind.

Not like that Romans chast, but timerous care,

Vhere to be chast, was not to see the faire:

Vho found his breast not proof against the slames,

But to escape, did bid remove the Dames.

But as sirme-sighted Eagles range the skies,

And eye the Sun when strongest lustre slies;

So His keene manag'd view severely sees, Not frailty to corrupt, but Judge the piece.

And could i'th' dazeling round securely stay,

To blese the potter, not abuse the clay.

Wise Instice, such as mercy might dispence, To spare the Men, but punish the offence. Not to indanger Law, but temper doome, To kill despair, and yet make none presume.

And here to match the births of strictest wills.

Where naked wirtues are but glistering ills,
He layes His ballance at the Temple gates,
The Sanctuary Shekles are His weights.
He quarters all His day with constant prayers,
No businesse shall dispence, no pleasure dares.
Limnes Copies to His Court: doth rein and hold
By Constancie the carelesse, Zeal the cold.
His intent thoughts do their perplext decry,
His bent knees, stiffe, His fixt, the wandring eye.
Mumble, the arrogant; His vigorous, dead;
His awe, irreverence; affiance, dread:
Makes all His practice dictate this alone,

They

They had two Kings t'obey, Himself had one.

But Calm and Sun-shine, undistracted ease,
Yeeld but the Trophies of well-order d peace;
But He was furnisht through, and had a stock,
As for Fates fawn and court ship, so their shock.

And though some c. ses make the task as great To manage temper, as to master heat, Though a found prudence may deferve as well, To wave assaults, as courage to repell; Yet, here the generous lustre justly springs, Lesse from the Scepter, then the Sufferings. For as the rage of these tempestuous times VVas His Misfortune onely, not His crimes, (Leffe Socrates the Lightnings blame must bear, Because it Lightned when he took the Aire: Or 'lesse the drought lies still at th' Christians gate, 'Cause Drought and Christians were contemporate) So His harsh draught had some ingredients mixt, VVhich ner on Prince or Man till now were fixt. No Agonie so temper'd, no such Cup, Unlesse when God help'd Man to drink it up. VVhere though the sufferings, rival none endure, 'Cause one so sound receiv'd so sharp a cure; Yet we may fafely give Perswasion this,

Those Jews then these lesse knew they did amisse. His first affliction from rude Tumults came, From them the fuell, but elsewhere the flame, Their trunk and boughs build the instructed pile, But worse men light and fan the slames the while.

That waves and winds should mix united stocks
To bruise, and threaten Ships with shelves & rocks,
Provokes

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Provokes our monder lesse then moves our grief,
Because they want the sense of our relief.
Nay, were their rage, design, and ship-wracks, spleen,
Yet there might clear pretence, and plea be seen,
Since our incroachments they but pay with spight,
And do but check usurpers of their right:
For words we to commerce and trassick melt,
By them is inrode and invasion felt. (threats,
But should this sea, these winds conduct their
To th' awfull palace, where great Neptune sets,
Should their swell'd surge make his bent Trident
grone,

And dash their foaming billows 'gainst his Throne: Then might they pattern us, then we might see, That winds and waves at least are wild as we.

Nor was our phrensie, sit, our upreares, blasts,
Or cloud that outs not light, but overcasts;
But, like that satall inauspicious day,
When all the lesse and larger birds of prey,
Conspir'd to force the Eagle from her throne,
Because her eyes were clearer then their own: (scant
When the vast aire seem'd to the throng'd muster
And with oppressing load the Element pant.
The injur'd Eagle girt in this distresse,
When reason nothing could, and sorce could lesse,
She arms her active plumes with swiftest spring,
Darts through their ranks, & saves her self by wing.

But Eagles they are well when freed from rape, And need no reparation but th' escape: Re-view the sun with undishonourd eye, And build again their towning nests as high.

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But Princes scape not, though they are not slain. They may the wound, but cannot flie the stain.

Yet hath our mischief father arts, and can Distresse Him both at once, as King and Man. Our sharp alarmes forbid his shortest stay, He may advise for gone, but not which way. We fet His maz'd resolves at gaze, and start, Else t'were not to drive hence, but bid Depart. Else had our fury lessen'd of its spight, W' had forc d Him to a progresse, not a flight. But like a pilot huddled up ith dark, Himself surpris'd, and His unfurnisht bark, Whom unexpected tempests do constrain, And from His harbour drive into the main: No tackle tight, no anchor weather proof, But waves invade below, and winds aloof; Distract and tost, not bound for any road, Norcan return, nor can hold out abroad. Such was His mixt distresse; how, what, or where uncertain all, but dangers certain were.

By this felf-pregnant sin improves to th' full, Affront at London, Treason growes at Hull: A bold repulse succeeds perplext abode, Despised at home, thrives to refus'd abroad: Place tutors Place, on Cities Cities call, He may not here be safe, not there at all. When loe the spreading mischief not content To force up breaches in one element, Inva des His Navy, doth insulting stand O're the joynt Trophees both of Sea and Land.

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To gild this rapine for the vulgar eyes, They chase Him through all His capacities; Shift lights and distances, untill they see Another self in Him, which is not He. Vex stills, and Crucibles, the furnace ply, To fift and drain a Chymick Majesty. At last their carefull sweats auspicious how'r, Drops Him apart, distinguish't from His pow'r. But the afflicted quill, whose penance lies Through all His thorns, must stories martyr rise: What hardy plume dares register His cares? When forraign close, to sow'r His home affaires; When Ireland charitable fame untells, Adopts the vvorst of ven mous beasts; Rebells. When Edenburg out-villain'd Carthage hath, And Scotch more suppery proves then Punick Faith, When they can trade their King, and beat a price For's Bloud, to ingrain their crimson Avarice. Whilst we un-king His Fame, dethrone's repute Word our artillery, and libells shoot. Shift His restraints, and bound him with new hedge. Not for enlargement, but fresh pawn and pledge To now prevailing Gaol; snare Him with Shapes Of neerer ills, to prompt him to escapes. So the close practis'd foulers treacherous gin, Already sciz'd of prey, the lost bird in: Yet hath attendant dogs, whose disciplin'd throat, And busie roavings aid their threatning note; Till th' feather'd pris'ner scar'd with mixt mishap, Un-skill'd i'th' guil of the industrious trap, Struggles B 2

Struggles and flings with unsuccessefull coyl, Till motion weaves inevitable toyl.

When varied bondages some beames afford,
To checker plots, disembling some accord;
Which though smooth-phrasid rough sense doth
still controll

When all of Meniall trust, whose cares expence Hearty with long experienced confidence, Payed diligent homage to his justest will, Must see their desolate ranks, and courses fill By rough unpractised home-spun Colonies Of Russet Courtiers, and instructed spies, Vhose treacherous attendance, and slie drift, Makes all their service but Officious shrift. Vhen the pure Altars sacred sons must see His reverent approach, when single He Must both His Priest, and Congregation stand, Or some rash Kerahs soul unhallowed hand Corrupt His virgin gums, and raise a smoak, Not to appease His deity, but choak.

VVhen the revolted Cassocks plum their darts, VVith crooked Sophistry's perverted arts:
To reason down His faith with studied pow'r, And drown His soul in that confederate show'r.

To heighten these, when some, whose nobler name In His declining Banner arms their same; VVhom yet ignoble envy bent awry, Or Faint Devotion, cool'd to Indisferencie, Conspir'd the Churches battery; His weights,

Took

Took ballance from her cause, not from their hates.

He pois'd thin calumny, by ponderous good;

Her sole, and yet unconquer'd champion stood.

When warmer onsets, like the searching ploughs. More fertile wounds on natures yielding brows: Were not the sour, but tillage of his heart. Cares thriving husbandry, and fruitfull smart, Where what was sown a Crosse, sprung upon a sheaf, And Virtue, Harvest, though the Furrow grief. His glorious own Record gave this presage, Which next to hallowed writ, and sacred page, Shall busie pious wonder, and abide To Christian pilgrimage the second guid: Which reconciles (till now) the eternal hates 'Twixt simple piety, and fraudulent States. Shews how all Michiavell in Solomon lies, And Cunning makes men wilely, but not wife. Bottomes a stable Throne, whose secure chance

Shall feady sit, or in her fall advance.

When gastly Death's astonishing Arrest
In all her terrors, and grim wardrobe drest,
From a green Treaty nipt ere fully blown,
And sost amusements of a restored throne,
He meets with cheerfull combat, and arm'd breath,

A vigorous Resignation, not a Death.

When His unlimited for givenesse flies
High as His Blood's shrill voice, and towring cryes,
Not spun in scanty half denying prayers,
But Legacie obliging to His Heirs.

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CAROLI

Τέ Μακαρίτυ Παλιγ Γενεσία.

Come, but come with trembling, lest I prove Th' unequall Greete of Semele and Jove. As She was too obscure, and He too bright, My Theam's too heavy, and my Pen too light. And while, like Midas, I presume to sit In wife Apollo's Chair, without HIS wit, Is it not just t'expect, that He, who dares Higher then Midas, should wear longer Eares? May I not fear Patroclus Fate, and feel The dangerous honour of Achilles steel? Just like that busie Elf, whose vent'rous Pride Found none but Titan Titan's Coach could guide? Why; Hee'l not stand in Verse. Can I enclose Him, whom the greatest Libertie of Prose Wants room to hold? And whose unweildy Name Is big enough to fill the Trump of Fame: An Individual species? like the Sun, At once a Multitude, and yet but one ? one of such vast Importance, that He fell The Festivall of Heav'n, and England's Hell? One, who for Eminence was these two things, * The last of Christians, and the first of Kings?

* De Catone vetus dicum, Ultimus Romanorum, Primus Hominum.

One

one so diffusive, that he liv'd to all, And One that dy'd the whole world's Funeral? For Charles being thus dismounted, and the Swain High shoo'd Bootes leapt into the Wain, Is not old Beldame Nature truly faid T'advance her Heeles, and stand upon her Head? Does not the Judge, and Law too for a need, The Stirrop hold, whilst Treason mounts the Steed? Is not Gods Word, and's Providence besides Us'd as a Laguy, whilft th' white Devil rides! Sure all things thus into Confusion hurld Make, though an universe, yet not a World. And so our Soveraign's, like our Saviours Passion, Becomes a kind of Doom [day to the Nation.

If Dead men did not walk, 'twould be admir'd (The Breath of all our Nostrils thus expir'd) What't is that gives us motion. And can I, Who want my self, write Him an Elegie?

Though Virgil turnd Evangelist, and wrote, Not from his Triped, but Gods Altar taught; Though all the Poets of the Age should sit In Inquest of Invention, and club wit, To make words Epigrams; should they combine To crowd whole stock of Fancie in each line; Sell the Fee-simple to advance one summe, (As Eglis spake but once, and then liv'd dumb) Twere all as inarticulate, and weak, As when those men make signes, that cannot speak.

But where the Theme confounds us, * 'cis a fort'

* Megahos Smont Daiver, audemu du Nues. Longin:

Of

Of glorious Merit, proudly to fall short.

Despair sometimes gives courage; any one
May list him out, who can be spoke by none;
None but a King; No King, unlesse He be
As Wise, as fust, as Good, as Great as He.

When Late Posterity shall run t'advise With Times impartiall Register, how Wise This Great one was, they'l find it there inroll'd That He was ne'r in's Nonage, but born old. View hm whilst Prince of Wales, and it appears His wisdome did so antedate his years. That He was Ful ich' Bud, and's Soul divine, Nestor, might be Great Grandfather to thine. View him agen, where he so ripe was grown, As not to rise, but drop into a Throne. How did those rayes of Majestie, which were Scatter'd in other Kings, concenter here? As if h'ad got King Sapors sphere, and prov'd How each Intelligence his Orbe had mov'd: Wise Charles, like them, sate steering at two Helmes, King of himself, but Father of his Realms: And just as if old Trismegistus Cup Had by his thirsty Soul been all drunk up, His under standing did begirt this All, Astiwere Eclipsick or Meridionall. Suppose a Dyet of all Christian Kings And Bishops too, conven'd to weigh the things Of Church and State: Nay adde Inferiour men, Those of the Sword, the pensil, and the pen. From

From th' Scepter to the Sheep-hook, Charles in all Must have been Umpire Oecumenicall. He liv'd a Perpendicular; The Thread His Wisdome was; Humility the Lead, By which he measur'd Men and Things; took aim At actions crooked, and at actions plain. He and all from him into Cubes did fall, And yet as perfect as the Circle, all. 'Twas He took Nature's Bredth, & Depth, and Hight, Knew the just difference 'twixt Wrong, and Right. He saw the points of things, could justly hit, What must be done, what may; what's just, what fit. As if, like Moses he had had resort Unto Gods Councell, ere he was of's Court. Hence his Religion was his choice, not Fate, Rul'd by Gods Word, not Interest of State. others may thank their stars, He his inquest, Who, founding all sides, anchor'd in the best. His Crown contain'd a Miter; He did twist Moses and Aaron, King and Casuist. When the Mahumetan or Pope shall look On his Soul's best Interpreter, his Book; His Book, his Life, his Death, will henceforth be The Church of England's best Apologie. Thus Dove and Serpent kils'd, as if they meant To render him as wise, so innocent. His own good Genius knew not, whether were His Heart more single, or his Head more clear. Virtue was his Prerogative; and thus Charles rul'd the King, before the King rul'd Us.

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He knew that to command, his onely way Was first to teach his Passions to obey. And his incessant waiting on God's Throne Gave him such meek reflections on his own. That, being force to censure, he exprest A Judges Office with a Mothers breast. And when some furdie violence began T'unsheath his sword, unwilling to be drawn He but destroy'd (and so soft mercy can). The malefactor, to preserve the Man. Even Hell's blind Journey-men, those Sons of Night Who look on scarlet murder, and think't white, Unwillingly confess'd, The onely thing Which made him guiltie was, That He was King. He was Incarnate Justice, and 'tis said Aftraa livid in him, yet dy'd a Maid. We want an Emblem for him: Phæbus must

And yet though he were such, that nothing lesse
Then Virtue's mean stretcht to a just Excesse
Flew from his Soul; He, like the Sun, was known
To see all excellence, except his own.
His Modesty was such, that All which He
'Erespake or thought of self, was Calumny;
But yet so mixt with state, that one might see
It made him not lesse Kingly, but more free.
He was not like those Princes, whot'expresse
A learned surfeit, a sublime excesse,
Send to dispeople all the Sea of Fish,
Depopulate the Aire to make one dish,

(Such

Such skilfull luxuries, as onely serve ro make their minds more plentifully sterve) Whatever Dainties fill'd his Board by chance, His onely constant Dish was (a) Temperance. His Virtue did so limit him, his Court Implied his Clayster; and his very sport Was Self-demail. Nay, though he were seen Soreabdin purple, and so machtt'a Queen, As made him glitter like a Noon-day Sun, Yet still his Soul wore fackcloth, and liv'd Nun. (b) Simeon the Stylite in his Pillar pent Might live more strict, but not more innocent. So wise, so just, so good, so great and all, What is't could fet him higher, but his fal? When he caught up by a Celestiall Train Began his second, and more solid Raign. How to that Heaven did this Pilot steer Twixt th' Independent, and the Presbyter, Placid in the confines of two shipwrasks? thus The Greeks are seated twixt the Turks and Us. Whom did Byzantium free, Rome would condemn; And freed from Rome, they are enslaved by them. So placed betwixt a Precipice and Wolf, There the Egean, here the Venice gulf, What with the rifing and the setting Sun, By these th'are hated, and by those undon.

⁽a) Evagr. 1. 1. c. 21 de Morachis quiousdam, έχθροι των βελάστων, κ) τ φύσεως εκδοτοι, πανδαισίαν τ νης είαν εχεσί, κ) τράπεζαν διακορή, το μηθέν (οιοντε) α πργεύεδαι. (b) Evagr. 1. 1. c. 13. δ ενσαριώ το μηθέν ο Σιμεών, δ εν σαριί τ ανωί βεσαλήμι Πολίτης.

Thus virtues hemm'd with vices, and though either Solicites her consent, she yields to neither. Nay thus our Saviour, to enhance his grief, Was hung betwixt a Murderer, and a Thief.

Now Charles as King, and as a good King too
Being Christs adopted self, was both to do
And suffer like him; both to live and die
So much more humble, as he was more high
Then his own Subjects. He was thus to tread
In the same sootsteps, and submit his Head
To the same thorns: when spit upon, and beas,
To make his Conscience serve for his retreat.
And overcome by suffering: To take up
His Saviours Crosse, and pledge him in his Cup.

Since then our Soveraign, by just account, Liv'd o're our Saviours Sermon in the Mount, And did all Christian Precepts so reduce, That's Life the Doctrine was his Death the Use; Posterity will say, he should have dy'd No other Death, then by being Crucifi'd. And their renownedst Epocha will be Great Charles his Death, next Christ's Nativity. Thus Treason's grown most orthodox; who since They said they'd [make him the most glorious Prince In all the Christian World | 'tis plain, this way They onely promis'd, what they meant to pay. For now (besides that beatifick Vision Where all desire is lost into fruition The stones, they hurled at him, with intent To crush his fame, have prov'd his monument.

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Their Libels his best Obeliske: To have A fit Mausole, were to mant a Grave; His Scaffold, like mount Tabor, will in story Become the proudest Theater of Glory, Next to the bleffed Crose: and thus tis sense, T'affirm him murder'd in his own Defence. For though all Hells Artillery and skill Combin'd together to besiege his Will; And when their malice could not bring't about To hurt God's Image, they raz'd Adam's out; (Like men repuls'd, whose Choler think's it witty To burn the Suburbs, when they can't the City) Howe're they storm'd his walls, and draind his blood, Which moted round his Soul; yet still he stood Defender of the Faith, (and that which He Found sweeter then revenge) his Charity.

This then the utmost was their rage could do, [It shew'd him King of his afflictions too.]
Untempted Virtue is but coldly good,

(As she's scarce chaste, that's so but in cold blood)
To scorn base Quarter is the best escape,
(As Lucrece dy'd the chaster for her rape)
Those are did Charles his Wintus most hessiered

These two did Charles his Virtue most befriend, His glorious hardships first, and then his end.

Death we forgive thee, and thy Bourreaux too, Since what did seem thy rape, proves but his due.

For how could he be faid to fall 100 soon,

Whose green was mellow, & whose dawn was noon?

Since Charles was onely by thy curteous knife Redeemd from this great injury of life To one so lasting, that 'tis truly said

Not He, but his mortality is dead—

To weep his Death's the treason of our eyes;

Our Sun did onely set, that he might rise.

But we do mock, not cheat our grief, and fit Onely at best t' upbraid our selves in wit, And want him learnedly: fuch colours do Disguise disasters, not delude them too. For though, I must confesse, a Poet can Fancy things better then another man, He can but fancy'um; and all his pains Is but to fill his belly with his brains. He may both Petrify'd and famisht fit, That wears his thoughts, and onely dine's on wit, Were I a Polypus, and could go on To be those very things I think upon, I would not then complain: but fince I know To call things thus, is not to make them fo, Great Charles is flain: and say we what we will, Yet we shall find, judgements are judgements still.

For though tistrue, that his now-immense Sou. Doth hold commensuration with each Pole; Though he doth shine a Star more fixt and bright Then where the year makes but one day and night; And, least he fill the Zodiack, doth appear Not in the Eighth, but Empyraan Sphere; Yet we his Rise may our Descension call. As Libra's mounting is poore Aries fall. He was the onely Moses that could stand

Betwixt the sinnes and judgements of the Land. And what can we expect, our Lot being gon, But that a Hell from Heav'n should tumble down On our more finfull Sodom? (unlesse we Are damn'd yet wor se, to an impunity.) Kings are Gods once remov'd. It hence appears No Court but Heav'ns can trie them by their Peers. So that for Charles the good to have been try'd And cast by mortall Votes, was Deicide. No Sinne, except the first, hath ever past So black as this; no Judgemens, but the last. How does our Delos, which so lately stood Unmov'd, lie floating in her Pilots blood? And can vve hope to Anchor, vvho discern Nought but the tempest ruling at the stern; Whil'st Pluso's Rival, with his Saints by s side, Drawn by the Spirit of avarice and pride, Being fairly placed in the Chair of forn Sits brewing Tears for Infants yet unborn ? Vast stocks of misery, which his Guardian rage Does husband for them till they come to age? When future times shall look what Plagues befell A.gypt and us, by way of Parallel, They'l find at once presented to their view The Frogs and Lice, and Independents too. Onely this figual difference will be known 'Twixt those Egyptian judgements and our own, Those were Gods Armies; but th' effett doth tell

That these our Vermin are the Host of Hell.

Pausanias and Herostratus will look

Like

Like Pygmy-Sinners writ in Times black-book.
The Spanish Fleet, and Powder-plot will lack
Their usuall mentions in our Almanack.

— Nay, vwhich is more, (e) Alaricus his name
Will scarce be legible th' leaves of fame,
When Cromwel shall be read. Nature was ne're
So blessedly reform'd, fince Lucifer.

O for a Jeremy to lament our woe! From whom such tragick Rhetorick might flow, As would become our mifery, and dresse Our sorrows with a dreadfull gaudinesse! For next those hovering judgements, which the fall Of one so great, so good, makes Verticall. (And rushing down, may onely to withstood. If Charles his prayers crie louder then his blood) I say next that, It is our second Crosse We can't grieve worthy of so great a Losse. To weep upon this subject, and weep sense, Requires we should be born ten Ages hence. The greater are the hights an Artist's hand Designs to take, the farther he must fand. And as vvhen Sol's in's Zenith, He imply's His dazling glory best, that shuts his eyes, So, where the Theme's ineffable, the way To speak it is, (d) Not to know what to say.

⁽c) Socrat. 1.7.c. O. hoc Alarichivesponsum recitat. ἐκἐγω ἐθελοντής τος ἐκεῖ πορεύομαι ἀκλα τὶς καθ ἐκεἰςκν ὁχλεῖ μοι βασαρίζων, κ) κήρον [ἀπθι, τῶν ρωμαίων Πόρθησου πόλιν.] (d) Herodor. 1.3. Psammeticous ad Cambysem, cùm Amicorum vicem lacrymis lugeret, suam verò sientio, τὰ μλῦ δικηὰα κακὰ ἦν πέζω, ἡ ώςς ἀνακλαίζο &c.

DEEP GROAN,

FETCHD

At the Funerall of that incomparable and Glorious Monarch, CHARLES* THE FIRST, King of Great Britain, France

and Ireland, &c.

TO speak our Griefs at full overthy Tombe (Great Soul) we should be Thunder-struck and The triviall Offrings of our bubling eyes (dumbe: Are but fair Libels at such Obsequies. When Grief bleeds inward, not to sense, 'tis deep;

Whave lost so much, that tweere a sinne to weep. The wretched Bankrupt counts not up his summes,

When his inevitable ruine comes:

Our losse is finite when we can compute: But that strike speechlesse, which is pass recruit. W'are sunk to sense; and on the Ruine gaze,

As on a curled Commets firie blaze:

And Earth-quakes fright us, when the teeming earth Rends ope her bowels for a fatall birth;

As Inundations seize our trembling eyes;

Whole

Whose rowling billowes over Kingdomes rise. Alas! our Ruines are cast up; and sped In that black Totall -- Charles is Murthered. Rebellious Gyant hands have broak that Pole, On which our Orbedid long in Glory roule. That Roman Monsters wish in act we see, Three Kingdoms necks have felt the Axe in Thee, The Butcherie is fuch, as when by Cain, The fourth Devision of the world was slain? The mangled Church is on the shambles lay'd, Her Massacre is on thy Block display'd, Thine is thy peoples epidemick Tombe, Thy Sacrifice a num rous Hecatombe. The Powder-mine's now fit'd; we were not freed, But respited by Traytours thus to bleed. Novembers plots are brew'd and broach'd in worse, And January now compleats the Curse. Our Lives, Estates, Laws, and Religion, All Lie crushed, and gashing in this dismall fall. Accursed day that blotted'st out our Light!

May'st thou be ever mussed up in Night.

At thy return may sables hang the skie;

And tears, not beams, distill from Heavens Eye.

Curs'd be that smile that guilds a Face on thee,

The Mother of prodigious Villanie.

Let not a breath be wosted, but in moans;

And all our words be but articulate groans.

May all thy Rubrick be this dismall Brand; (Land.)

Now comes the miscreant Doomes-day of the

Good-Friday wretchedly transcrib'd; and such

As Horrour brings alike, though not so much.

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May Dread still fill thy minutes, and we fit Frighted to think, what others durst commit. A Fact that copies Angels when they fell, And justly might create another Hell. Above the scale of Crimes ; Treason sublim'd, That cannot by a parallell be rim'd. Raviliack's was but under-graduate sinne, And Goury here a Pupill Affaffin. Infidell wickednesse, without the Pale; Yet such as justifies the Canniball. Ryot Apochyphall of Legend breed; Above the Canon of a Jesuites Creed. Spirits of witch-craft; quintessentiall guilt; Hells Pyramid; another Babell built. Monstrous in bulk; above our Fancies span; A Behemoth ; a Crime Leviathan. So desperately damnable, that here Evn Wild smels Treason, and will not appear. That Murdering-peece of the new Tyrant-State, By whom't hath Shot black Destinies of late; He that belched forth the Loyall Burleighs doom; Recoyles at this fo dreadfull Martyrdome. What depth of Terrour lies in that Offence, That thus can grind a seared Conscience? Hellish Complotment! which a League renews, Lesse with the men, then th' actions of the Jews.

Such was their Bedlane Rabble, and the Cry
Of Justice now, mongst them was Crucifie:
Pilates Consent is Bradshawes Sentence here;
The Judgement hall's removed to Westminster.
Hayle to the Reeden Scepture the Head, and knee

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Act o're again that Cursed Pageantrie.
The Caitisfe crew in solemn pomp guard on
Mock'd Majestie as not to th' Block, but Throne,
The Belch agrees of those envenomed Lyes;
There a Blasphemer, here a Murd'rer dyes.
If that go first in horrour, this comes next,
A pregnant Comment on that gastly Text.
The Heav'ns ne're saw, but in that Tragick howre,
Slaughter'd so great an Innocence, and Power.

Bloud-thirsty Tygers! could no stream suffise
T'allay that Hell within your Breasts but this?
Must you needs swill in Cleopatra's Cup,
And drink the price of Kingdomes in a sup?
Cisterns of Loyalty have deeply bled,
And now y'have damm'd the Royall Fountain Head
Cruell Phlebotomie! at once to drain
The Median, and the rich Basilisk vein:
The tinctures great that popular murther brings,

The tinctures great that popular murther brings, 'Tis scarlet deep, that's dy'd in bloud of Kings.

But what could I frael find no other way

To their wish'd Canaan then through the Red Sea?

Must God have here his deading Fire and Cloud,

And he be th' Guide to this outragious Crowd?

Shall the black Conclave counterfeit his hand,

And superscribe their Guilt, Divine Command?

Doth th'ugly Fiend usurp a Saint-like grace?

And Holy-water wash the Devils face!

Shall Dagons Temple the mock'd Ark inclose?

Can Esai's hands agree with Facob's voyce?

Must Molech's Fire now on the Altar burn?

And Abel's bloud to Expiation turn?

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Is Righteousnesse so lewd a Bawd : and can The Bibles Cover serve the Alcoran? Thus when Hel's meant, Religion's bid to shine As Faux his Lantern lights him to his Mine. Here, here is fins non ultra, when one Lie Kils this, and stabs at Majesty. And though his sleepie Arm suspend the scourge, Nor doth loud Bloudin winged Vengeance urge, Though the foft houres a while in pleasures flie, And conquering Treason sing her Lullabie. The guilt at length in fury he'l inroul With barbed Arrows on the trayt'rous Soul. Time may be when that John-a-Leyden King His Quarters to this Tombe an Offring bring, And that Be-Munster'd Rabble may have eyes To read the Price of their dear Butcheries, Yet if just Providence reprieve the Fate, The Judgement will be deeper, though't be late. And After times shal feel the curse enhanc'd, vanc d. But how much They've the Sinne bequeath'd, ad-Mean time(most blessed shade) the Loyall Eye

Mean time (most blessed shade) the Loyall Eye Shall pay her Tribute to thy Memory.

Thy Aromatick Name shall feast our sense, 'Bove balmie Spiknard's fragrant Redolence, Whilst on thy loathsome Murderers shall dwell A plague-sore, blayn, and rotten ulcers smell.

Wonder of Men and Goodnesse! stamped to be The Pride, and Flourish of all Historie.

Thou hast undone the Annals, and engross delays the All th' Merces Glory which the Earth e're lost.

Thy Priviledge 'tis onely to commence.

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Laureate

Laureate in Sufferings, and in Patience. Thy wrongs were bove all sweetnesse to digest: And yet thy sweetnesse conquer'd the sharp test: Both so immense, and infinitely vast, The first could not be reach'd, but by the last. Mean Massacres are but in death begun; But Thou hast Liv'd an Execution. Close coffin'd up in a deceased Life; Had Orphan-Children, and a Widow-Wife. Friends not t'approach, or comfort, but to mourn And weep their unheard plaints, as at thy urn? Such black Attendants Colonied thy Cell, But for thy Presence, Car's brook had been Hell. Thus basely to Be Dungeon'd, would enrage Great Bajazet beyond and Iron Cage. That deep indignity might have layn Something the lighter from a Tamerlain. But here Sidonian Slaves usurp the Reins, And lock the Scepter-bearing Arms in chains. The spew'd-up surfeit of the glut nous Land: Honour'd by scorn, and clean beneath all brand. For fuch a Varlet-Brood to tear all down, And make a common Foot-ball of the Crowns T'insult on wounded Majesty, and broach, The bloud of Honour by their vile reproach. What royall eye but thine could fober fee, Bowing so low, yet bearing up so high? What an unbroken sweetnesse grac'd thy Soul, Beyond the world, proud conquest, or controul? Maugre grim cruelty, thou keepft thy hold; Thy Thornie Crown was still a Crown of Gold. Chaft Chast Honour, Might enrag'd could ne're dessour, Though others th' Use, Thou claim dit the Right of Power.

The brave Athenian thus (with lopp'd-off Hands) A stop to swelling sayles by's mouth commands. New Vigour rouz'd Thee still in thy Embroyles, Antaus-like, recruiting from the Foyles. Victorious fury could not terrour bring. Enough to quella captivated King. So did that Roman Miracle withstand Hetrurian shoals, but with a single hand. The Church in thee had still her Armies; thus The World once fought with Athanasius. The Gantlet thus upheld; It is decreed, (No safety else for Treason) Charles must bleed. Traytour and Soveraign now inverted meet; The wealthy Olive's dragg'd to th' Brambles feet. The Throne is Metamorphiz'd to the Barre, And despicable Batts the Eigle dare. Astonishment! yet still we must admire Thy courage growing with thy conflicts high'r. No palfied hands or trembling knees betray That Cause, on which thy souls sure bottom'd lay. So free and undisturbed slew thy Breath, Not as condemn'd, but purchasing a death. Those early Martyrs in their funerall pile, Embrac'd their Flames with such a quiet smile. Brave Cour-de-Lyon Soul, that would'st not vayle In one base syllable to beg thy Bayl!. How didst thou blush to live at such a price, As ask'd thy People for a facrifice?

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The Altherian Prince in such a pitch of zeal,
Redeem'd his destin'd Hoast, and Common-weal;
Who brib'd his cheated Enemies to kill,
And both their Conquest, and their Conqueror sell.
Thus thou our Martyr died'st: but oh! we stand
A Ransome for another Charles his Hand.
One that will write thy Chronicle in Red,
And dip his Penin what thy Foes have bled.
Shall Treas' nous Heads in purple Caldrons drench,
And with such veines the Flames of Kingdomes
quench.

Then thou art least at Westminster, shall't be
Fil'd in the Pompous List of Majestie.
Thy Mansalaum shall in glory rise,
And Tears, and wonder force from Nephews Eyes.
Till when (though black-mouth'd Miscreants enNo Epitaph, but Tyrant, on thy Grave. (grave)
A Vault of Loyalty shall keep thy Name,

An orient, and bright olibian flame.
On which, when times succeeding foot shall tread,
Such Characters as these shall there be read.

Here CH ARLES the best of Monarchs, butcher'd lies;

The Glory of all Martyrologies.
Bulwark of Law; the Churches Cittadell; (fell: In whom they triumph'd once, with whom they An English Solomon, a Constantine;
Pandect of Knowledge, Humane and Divine.
Meek even to wonder, yet of stoutest Grace.
To sweeten Majesty, but not debase.
So whole made up of clemency, the Throne

And

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And Mercy-seat to Him were alwayes one.
Inviting Treason with a pardoning look,
Instead of Gratitude, a stab He took.
With passion lov'd; that when He murd'red lay,
Heav'n conquered seem'd, and Hell to bear the
A Prince so richly good, so blest a Reign. (sway.
The world ne're saw but one, nor can again.

--- Humano genere Nature benigni
Nil dedit, aut tribuet moderato hoc principe major
In quo vera dei, vivénfque eluxit imago:
Hunc quoniam scelerata cohors violavit, acerbas
Sacrilego Deus ipse petet de Sanguine pænas
Contemptúmq; sin Simulachri haudlinquet inultum.
Parodia ex Buchanani Geneth: Jacobi sexti.

AN ELEGIE

Upon King CHARLES the First, Murthered publickly by His Subjects.

WEre not my Faithboy'd up by facred bloud, It might be drown'd in this prodigious floud; Which reasons highest ground doth so exceed, It leaves my Soul no Anch'rage, but my Creed; Where my Faith resting on th' Originall, Supports it self in this the Copies fall; So while my faith floats on that Bloudy wood, My reasons cast away in this Red floud, Which ne'r o'reflowes us all: Those showers past Made but Land-flouds, which did some vallies This stroke hath cut the only neck of land, (wast; Which between us, and this Red Sea did stand, That covers now our world, which curfed lies At once with two of Agypts prodigies; O'recast with darknesse, and with bloud o'rerun, And justly, since our hearts have theirs out-done; Th' inchanter led them to a lesse known ill, To act his fin, then 'twas their King to kill: Which crime hath widdowed our whole Nation, Voided all Formes, left but privation In Church and State; inverting ev'ry right; Brought in Hels State, of fire without light: No

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No wonder then, if all good eyes look red, Washing their Loyall hearts from bloud so shed; The which deferves, each pore should turn an eye, To weep our, even a bloudy Agony. Let nought then passe for Musick, but sad cries; For Beauty, bloud-les cheeks, and bloud-shot eyes. All colours foil, but black; all odours have Ill sent, but Myrrh, incensed upon this Grave: It notes a few, not to believe us much The cleanerm ade, by a Religious touch Of this Dead Body; whom to judge to die Seemes the Judaicall impiety. To kill the King, the Spirit Legion paints His rage with Law, the Temple and the Saints: But the truth is, He feard, and did repine, To be cast out, and back into the Swine; And the case holds, in that the Spirit bends His Malice in this Act, against his ends: For it is like, the sooner hee'l be sent Out of that body, He would still torment: Let Christians then use otherwise this bloud, Detest the Act, yet turn it to their good; Thinking how like a King of death He dies; We eas'ly may the world and death despise: Death had no sting for Him, and its sharp arm, Onely of all the troop, meant Him no harm. And so He look'd upon the Axe, as one Weapon yet left, to guard Him to His Throne; In His great Name, then may His Subjects cry, Death thou art (wallowed up in Victory; If this our losse a comfort can admit, Tisthat his narrowed Crown was grown unfit, For

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For his enlarged Head, since his distresse Had greatned this, as it made that the leffe; His Crown was falne unto too low a thing For Him, who was become fo great a King: So the fame hands enthron'd him in that Crown They had exalted from him, not pull'd down. And thus Gods Truth by them hath rendred more, Then ere mens falshood promis'd to restore; Which, fince by death alone, he could attain, Was yet exempt from weaknesse, and from pain: Death was enjoyn'd by God, to touch a part, Might make His passage quick, ne're move His heart Which ev'n expiring, was so far from death, It seem'd but to command away His breath. And thus His Soul, of this her triumph proud, Broke, like a flash of lightning, through the cloud Of flesh and bloud; and from the highest line Ofhumane virtue, pass'd to be Divine: Nor is't much lesse His virtues to relate, Then the high glories of His present state; Since both then passe all Acts, but of belief; Silence may praise the one, the other grief. And fince, upon the Diamond, no lesse Then Diamonds, will serve us to impresse: I'le onely with, that for His Elegie, This our Fosias, had a Feremie.

AN

ELEGIE

The best of Men, On And meekest of Martyrs, CHARLES the I. &c.

Does not the Sun call in his light? and Day Like a thin Exhalation melt away? Both wrapping up their Beams in Clouds to bee Themselves close Mourners at the Obsequie Of this Great Monarch! does his Royall Bloud, Which th' Earth late drunk in so profuse a Flood Not shoot through her affrighted wombe, & make All her Convulsed Arteries to shake So long, till all those Hinges that sustain, Like Nerves, the Frame of Nature shrink again Into a shuffled Chaos ? Does the Sun Nut suck it from its liquid Mansion, And still it into vap'rous Clouds: which May, Themselves in bearded Meteors display, Whose shaggie and dissheveld Beams may bee, The Tapers at this black Solemnitie? You

You Seed of Marble in the Wombe accurft, Rock'd by some storm, or by some Tigresse nurst. Fed by fome Plague, which in blind Mists was hurld To Strew Infection on the tainted World. What Fury charm'd your hands to Act a Deed, Tyrants to think on would not weep but bleed? And Rocks by Instinct so risent this Fact, They'ld into Springs of easie Tears bee slack'd. Say Sons of Tumult fince you thought it good, Still to keep up the Trade and bath in Blood. Your guilty Hands, why did you then not State. Your flaughters at some cheap and common Rate: Your gluttonous and lavish Blades might have, Devoted Myriads to one publick Grave. And lop'd off Thousands of some base Allay, Whilst the same Sexton that enter'd their Clay. In the same Urne their Names too might entombe, But when on Him you fixt your fatall Doom. You gave a Blow to Nature, fince even all, The Stock of Man now bleeds too in his Fall. Could not Religion which you oft have made. A specious Glosse your black Designs to shade. Teach you that we come nearest Heaven when we Are suppled into Acts of Clemencie. And Copie out the Deitie agen, When we Distill our Mercies upon Men ? But why do I deplore this Ruine? Hee Onely shook off his frail Humanitie. And with fuch Calmnesse fell, he seem'd to be, Even lesse unmov'd and unconcern'd then we. And

And fore'd us from our Threes of Grief to fay, Wee only Died, He onely liv'd that Day. So that his Tombe is now his Throne become T' invest him with the Crown of Martyrdome, And Death the Shade of Nature did not shroud His Soul in Mists, but its clear Beams uncloud, That who a Star in our Meridian shone In Heaven might shine a Constellation.

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VV Ithin this facred VAULT doth lie
The Quintessence of MAJESTIE; Which being Set, more Glorious shines, The Best of KINGs, best of Divines; Britains shame, and Britains glory, Mirrour of Princes, complete Story Of ROYALTY; One fo exact That th' Elixirs of Praise detract: These are faint Shadows; But t'endure, Hee's drawn to th' Life in's POURTRACTURE: If such another PIECE youl'd see, Angels must Limn it out, or HEE; Where Wildom, Grace, and Eloquence, Are Centred in their Eminence. Martyr'd H E E was to save His Laws, Religion, People, from the Jaws Of Assasines; whose weal Hee sought, Even then when they His Murder wrought With Horrid Plots, that HEADLESS He (And in HIM Church and State) might be. Then fince Correlatives They were, Three Kingdoms in One KING lies here. A. B.

FINIS.

